

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain in the application with claims 1 and 3 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. The Examiner notes that the superimposing means is not shown in the drawings.

The circuit to produce the superimposing of the name and subject of the e-mail on the portion of the television display is part of the television receiving unit 6. As stated in lines 1-4 of page 5 the television unit receiving 6 further has a circuit for reading out display data from the display memory 7 to superimpose the read-out display data at a predetermined position of a television screen by scroll display or to display the read-out picture data as the data is overlapped on the television picture. Claim 1 has been amended hereby to recite that the television receiving unit reads out the data from the display member and superimposes the name of the sender etc. on the screen.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claimed elements are shown in the drawings.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not complying with the written description requirement. The Examiner complains that the Specification does not describe the superimposing means that superimposes the data on the television picture so that the television picture is not obscured.

As noted hereinabove the previously cited superimposing means is the television receiving unit and as stated it superimposes the read-out data at a predetermined position on the television screen. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the television picture is not substantially obscured, as shown in Fig. 3.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the statement concerning a border shown in Fig. 3 does not have relevance to the present issue because the claim clearly recites "superimposing only the name of the sender and the subject of the electronic mail read-out from said display memory at a predetermined position on a portion of the television picture". Note that it is only the name of the sender and the subject of the mail that is read out from the display memory. Clearly no requirement for reading out a frame from a display memory is present in claim 1 and, thus, claim 1 clearly follows the description set forth in the specification. Also, there is no requirement to claim every feature of an invention shown in the drawings.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1-3 are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention, are fully supported by the specification so as to permit one to make and use the claimed invention, and meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Bellamy in view of Foladare et al.

As stated earlier, a feature of the present invention is

to permit viewers of a television program to check whether an e-mail message has been received by entering a mail check command by using the keyboard, for example, and then to have displayed only the name of the sender of the e-mail and the subject of the e-mail on a relatively small portion of the television screen so that the television picture is not substantially obscured. If the e-mail is of interest, the user can then enter another command to have a full screen display of the entire message, and in that situation the message will then totally obscure the picture. This, of course, is the desire of the viewer of the television screen.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Bellamy discloses a so-called integrated video system in which the telephone line is integrated into the video display by means of a video and telephone interface card and an enhanced set top box. The video and telephone interface card is connected to the Internet through a conventional telephone line and the enhanced set top box is controlled by an enhanced remote control unit. Bellamy discloses that in order to deal with any e-mail messages when an e-mail message arrives a pop-up window with the mail programs is provided, so that the appropriate option for processing the message can be selected using the enhanced remote control unit. The pop-up window is then fed to the enhanced set top box for display on the television monitor. In order to interact with the mail program that is in the pop-up window the enhanced features button of the enhanced remote control unit must be used.

It is respectfully submitted that Bellamy fails to suggest the use of superimposing only the name of the sender and the subject of the e-mail at a predetermined position on a portion of the television picture so that the television picture is not substantially obscured. Furthermore, Bellamy does not suggest sequentially displaying the name and subject at a predetermined position in that portion of the television screen.

Foladare et al. is an e-mail paging system in which e-mails that are incoming are fed to a server so that real messages can be identified and separated from so-called spam. The server transmits an alert signal over the television cable network to the television set top box and the set top box displays the sender's name and the title of the message on the display.

It is respectfully submitted that even combining the e-mail paging system of Feladare et al. with Bellamy that the presently claimed invention would not have been rendered obvious at the time the claimed invention was made.

As noted hereinabove, Bellamy is deficient in suggesting several features of the claimed invention and it is respectfully submitted that Foladare et al. does not remedy those deficiencies of Bellamy. Foladare et al. does not disclose superimposing only the name of the sender and the subject of the e-mail read out from the display memory for display on a portion of the television picture, so that the television picture is not substantially obscured upon the entry of an electronic check command by the user of the

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television receiver, as recited in amended claim 1.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby as well as the above remarks it is respectfully submitted that a television receiver in which a portion of the television picture that does not totally obscure the television picture is utilized to superimpose only the name of the sender and the subject of the electronic mail read out from a display memory, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited references, alone or in combination.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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